

Bethel Township Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting minutes from July 2, 2018

Call to order: Chair Najarian called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present were Mike Najarian, Fred Folmer, Ken Norton and Marthe Olesh. Supervisor liaison Jake Meyer was also in attendance. There were no other persons present.

Approval of minutes: Since there was no meeting in June, Norton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018 as submitted.

#### Old Business

Chesapeake Bay Drainage: It was reported that council members Najarian, Folmer, D. Meyer and Olesh on June 16th stenciled the bridge and a nearby storm drain in Frystown with the words "Drains To Chesapeake Bay". They also painted blue the tops of five other concrete drain boxes in the village.

Municipal Building Wetlands: There was no new report.

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: There was a discussion of the joint walk-thru of the property by the EAC and Rec Board on June 17th and how the observations might be incorporated into a nature trail as set forth in the proposed development plan.

Township Recycling: Supervisor Meyer reported that Tulpehocken Township has dropped plans to have a joint recycling program with Bethel Township. Therefore the township has no current plans for recycling.

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer reported Evan Corondi from the Berks County Conservation District will be conducting a public information seminar about the spotted lanternfly at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018 in the municipal building. To advertise it, after the EAC's August meeting, there will be a press release to the Reading Eagle and messaging via social media will be coordinated through the township office. Folmer then shared the following news articles from the Reading Eagle: "Stop Bugging Us" from June 25, 2018 and "State Axes 500 Trees" from June 28, 2018.

Land Conservation: There was no new report.

## New Business

Zoning Hearing: It was announced there will be a public comment meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018 in the municipal building. The purpose is for the Board of Supervisors to receive input about a revised zoning ordinance and a new zoning map prior to voting on it.

Development Plans: Council examined two submitted plans and had no objections to either of them. They were:

The Yoder request to subdivide a 22+ acre tract at Route 501 & Martin Drive in order to separate a 1.4 acre tract on which to construct a single family dwelling, and

The Trican Ceiling Company request to construct a 50' x 48' storage building at 9185 Old Route 22.

Ongoing Tabled Business: Folmer shared a news article from the July 2, 2018 issue of the Reading Eagle: "DCNR: Climate Change Affects PA". It referenced a 53 page report from the Department of Conversation and Natural Resources entitled "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan".

Adjournment: At 8:40 p.m. Norton made a motion to adjourn. Folmer seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes Submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)